

## **ELECTRICIAN'S BOARD MEETING MINUTES FOR NOVEMBER 16, 2006**

**Meeting convened at** 9:05 A.M.

**Meeting Adjourned at** 11:10 P.M.

### **DOPL STAFF**

Craig Jackson, *Director*  
F. David Stanley, *Associate Director*  
Dennis Meservy, *Bureau Manager*  
Katie Tris, *Secretary*  
Wayne Holman, *Investigations*  
Alan Dawes, *Licensing Technician*

### **MEMBERS PRESENT**

Brad Stevens, *Chairman*  
Dirk Burton

### **VISITORS**

Ken Beus, *Ken Beus Electric*  
George Billings, *Salt Lake Community College*  
Jason Coates, *Coates Electric*  
Trina Hansen, *Ogden Weber Applied Tech College*  
Toby Heslop, *Ken Beus Electric*  
John Kristensen, *Ogden Weber Applied Tech College*  
Renee McDonough, *IEC of Utah*  
Vern Petersen, *International Code Council*  
Will Pierce, *Salt Lake Community College*  
Lori Stewart, *Mountainland Applied Tech College*

Brad Stevens, without a quorum of board members, called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m. Board members not present at the meeting included David Kingery, Frank Rydalch and Harold Weight.

### **APPOINTMENTS:**

#### **Toby Heslop**

Toby Heslop failed his electrical practical test four times. He and his employer, Ken Beus of Ken Beus Electric, were asked to meet with the board. Heslop stated he passed the code and theory portion of the exam, but failed the practical portion of the test. He failed the written practical test twice. The test was then changed to a hands-on and he also failed the hands-on practical test twice.

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Heslop said what gave him problems on this test was the three way, four way and motor control. When asked by Dirk Burton what type of apprentice work he had done, Heslop said he worked mostly on residential, but had done some industrial. Beus said Heslop is capable and has done the type of work that gave him problems on the test. Heslop said he gets real nervous taking tests. John Kristensen with the Ogden Weber Applied Technical College stated he would work with Heslop to get him prepared to take the practical exam. Heslop was of the opinion he would be prepared to take the practical exam in January. Board members Stevens and Burton made a recommendation that Toby Heslop be allowed to test one more time.

### **SOLAR LICENSING:**

The language in the new electrical solar license classification was discussed. However, due to the lack of a quorum the issue was tabled until the next board meeting.

### **REVIEW TEST SCORES:**

The test provider, Thomson Prometric, provided a six month review of the test scores. Stevens discussed the test results. Representatives of the schools wanted to have Part I and Part II of the test results clarified. Katie Tris stated Part I is the code portion of the test and Part II is the theory portion of the test. In the report some of the information was cut off. Will Pierce with Salt Lake Community College wanted to know if Thomson Prometric could adjust the columns so the information would fit on the page. Dennis Meservy stated he would look into the matter. George Billings of the Salt Lake Community College was concerned about the data on the report. He mentioned that it would be thrown off by applicants that indicate they attended Salt Lake Community, when in fact they attended the school for a short time and then completed their education at another school. Also, there were applicants that indicated they attended Salt Lake Community College, when in fact they did not. Stevens mentioned the report was nothing more than a tool for the schools.

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There was a discussion about the wording on the letter the division sends out that authorizing an applicant to test. The wording on this letter could be changed to read “school completed.” It was pointed out, however, that the board and the division have no control over what students mark down as the school they attended.

### **EXEMPTION FOR UTILITIES:**

Stevens discussed the electrical exemption for utilities under Utah State Code § 58-55-305(1)(m). This statute reads: “*a person who ordinarily would be subject to the electrician licensure requirements under this chapter when employed by or under contract with: (ii) public service corporations, rural electrification associations, or municipal utilities who generate, distribute, or sell electrical energy for light, heat, or power.*” This exemption is allowing a company to build a power plant for Rocky Mountain Power with unlicensed electricians. Stevens turned time over to Wayne Holman of investigations. Holman said he and Meservy had researched the code back to 1983 or 1985. Holman, however, did not know actually when the statute changed and the wording “under contract” was added. He needed to look into the matter further.

### **APPLICATION REVIEW:**

Board reviewed out of state applications.

**All business concluded, meeting adjourned.**

*Note: This report is not intended to be a verbatim transcript, but is intended to record the significant features of what was discussed in the meeting. Discussed items are not necessarily arranged in chronological order.*

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Board Chairperson Signature

Date

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Dennis Meservy, Bureau Manager Signature

Date